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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF MATZOH IN USSR FOR PASSOVER

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1. DURING FEB 28 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN,
SECRETARY RAISED ISSUE OF AVAILABILITY OF MATZOH FOR
SOVIET JEWS DURING PASSOVER, WHICH BEGINS EVENING APRIL 21.
SECRETARY MENTIONED WIDESPREAD AMERICAN PUBLIC INTEREST IN
THIS MATTER ANNUALLY, AND COMMENTED THAT 1977 SOVIET POSTAL
BAN (REFTEL) HAD PROVOKED PARTICULAR RESENTMENT HERE.
SECRETARY NOTED THAT REPEAL OF POSTAL BAN OR INTERPRETATION
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OF IT TO PERMIT MAILING OF MATZOH PACKAGES INTO USSR WOULD
BE WELL RECEIVED IN US. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOVIET
AUTHORITIES WILL MAKE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FLOUR AVAILABLE
TO SOVIET JEWISH COMMUNITIES FOR LOCAL BAKING OF MATZOH.

2. DOBRYNIN'S RESPONSE WAS NOT ENCOURAGING, BUT HE

COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. HE SUGGESTED
THAT AMBASSADOR TOON ALSO RAISE THE QUESTION IN MOSCOW.
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